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Mission Statement

To take all reasonable and necessary steps to preserve and improve the unique value of living in Nellie Gail Ranch and to enhance the overall sense of community.

Board of Directors Meetings

The next Open Session Board Meeting and Open Homeowner Forum is scheduled for **April 18, 2023** and will be held at the Association Clubhouse.

Executive Session starts at - 6:00 pm and Open Session - 7:30 pm

The agenda will be posted in the Association Office and on the NGR website on the Friday prior to the meeting, or you may contact the Association Office to obtain agenda information. All homeowners are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Architectural Review Committee

Architectural Review Committee meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Completed applications must be submitted to the Association Office at least 10 business days prior to the ARC meeting. Please check the calendar in each issue of the Pony Express for exact submittal deadlines and ARC meeting dates.

Association Committees

The Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association has several committees comprised of Homeowners that provide support to the Board of Directors on selected Community topics. For more information or to join any of our Committees, please contact the Association Office at (949) 425-1477.

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MANAGERS MESSAGE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN NELLIE GAIL RANCH?

By Brian Mitchell



A lot is going on as it turns out !

The Watering Hole has been in operation for six months. We have enjoyed sharing holidays like the recent St. Patrick's Day with our Members. We have also enjoyed being host to birthday celebrations, anniversaries and other milestone moments in your lives.

options that will be included as a Special Ballot Measure on the upcoming June 7th election ballot. We are also scheduling Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Training with Laguna Hills Police Services for homeowners interested in leading programs on their street. Representatives of active Nellie Gail Ranch Neighborhood Watch groups will attend the training as a resource.

As of the writing of this message the results of the CC&R amendments are pending the opening of ballots and counting on March 28th. We will be reporting on the results via our End of Week e-mail. Thank you to all homeowners who submitted ballots! If you have not received notice of the results please e-mail ddelamora@nelliegailranch.org to request the results and to be added to the weekly e-mail.

And we have much, much more to come in the following months! We hope to see you at The Easter Egg Hunt, The Watering Hole or just out and about in Nellie Gail Ranch.



We celebrated the change of seasons with days of rain ending winter before days of rain started Spring. In-between rain days our Equestrians rode, our Pickleball players played and our Tennis players competed. Our trail crews have been working hard to grade ruts and remove debris and silt. Tree trimmers lightened trees so they would make it through the winds and our landscapers are working to keep up with maintenance and keep pace with a heavy weed season.

In this issue is notice of an April 10th Town Hall Meeting to review crime stats and present the mobile patrol



NELLIE GAIL SAFE

TOWN HALL MEETING / NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING

The Nellie Gail Ranch Security Committee invites you to attend a Town Hall Meeting / Neighborhood Watch Training on Monday, April 10th at the Nellie Gail Ranch Association Clubhouse. You may attend either or both of the following meetings depending upon your interest.

TOWN HALL DISCUSSION REGARDING CRIME (6:00 P.M.)

- Review of Crime Stats reported on www.CrimeMapping.com
- Review of Roadblocks to Gating
- Review of 2023-24 Mobile Patrol Ballot Measure, costs and options
- Q & A Session

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING (7:00 P.M.)

(MEETING DEPENDENT ON SIGN-UPS)

A training meeting will be conducted by City of Laguna Hills Police Services Crime Prevention Specialist, Alyssa Rabas for individuals interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain on how to start up a Neighborhood Watch group. Please RSVP by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 2023 if interested in becoming a Neighborhood Block Captain by visiting the link below <https://nelliegailranch.org/neighborhood-watch-training/>

If we do not receive sign-ups for interested Neighborhood Watch Block Captains the 7:00 p.m. meeting will be cancelled. You may e-mail admin@nelliegailranch.org or call 949-425-1477 on April 10th to confirm the status of the meeting.



MINUTES

NELLIE GAIL RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - OPEN SESSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session meeting of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mark Fisk
Paul Holland
Loree Blough
John Par

DIRECTOR ABSENT

Joyce Taylor

MANAGEMENT

Brian Mitchell, General Manager
Dennis Moss, Operations Manager, Parks & Recreation Facilities

II. PRESENTATION FROM TEAM DARKHORSE

Battalion Team 3/5 awarded Team Darkhorse a plaque expressing gratitude for Team Darkhorse support provided to their Regiment. The Nellie Gail Ranch Board was honored to receive the plaque in a presentation from Karen Robbins and Vanessa Kon to display on behalf of Team Darkhorse at the Association Clubhouse.

III. CONSIDER HOMEOWNER APPEALS

A. CONSIDER HOMEOWNER APPEAL – 25965 POKER FLATS

Motion: Park
Second: Holland

Resolution: To deny the homeowner appeal regarding a view issue. It was determined the ARC did their due diligence and properly evaluated the request. The Association will not require the neighbor to further trim or remove trees.

Ayes: Park, Holland, Taylor, Fisk
Nays: None
Abstain: Blough

The motion carried.

B. CONSIDER HOMEOWNER APPEAL – 25761 DILLON

Motion: Fisk
Second: Holland

Resolution: The homeowner was in attendance to request approval of a proposed deck. The Board denied the homeowner appeal finding the ARC had properly evaluated the potential impact on neighbors. The homeowner requested and the Board approved a meeting with the architect consultant to discuss alternate design options.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. CONSIDER HOMEOWNER APPEAL – 26532 BROKEN BIT

Motion: Holland
Second: Fisk

Resolution: To deny the homeowner appeal regarding trail fencing and require a survey of the trail easement. The homeowner is invited to resubmit a design with an alternative method of compliant screening.

The motion carried unanimously

IV. HOMEOWNER FORUM

There were four homeowners present.

V. REPORTS TO MEMBERS

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT ON JANUARY 17, 2023 MEETING

Action: To receive and file the report.

B. REPORT ON STATUS OF CC&R AMENDMENT BALLOTING

Management reported 651 ballots have been received to date.

Motion: Holland
Second: Park

Resolution: To approve The Ballot Box to mail ballots to the 756 or so homeowners who have not submitted a ballot at a cost of \$1.75 each.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. REPORT ON FEBRUARY 16, 2023 CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Direction: To approve scheduling a follow-up Town Hall / Neighborhood Watch meeting as coordinated with the Security Committee & City of Laguna Hills Crime Prevention Specialist.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Holland
Second: Park

Resolution: To approve Consent Calendar resolutions for agenda items VI-A through VI-D.

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17, 2023 OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Resolution: To approve the Open Session Minutes dated January 17, 2023 as presented.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 31, 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Resolution: To approve the financial statements for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association dated December 31, 2022.

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,132,959 in reserve funds, \$1,488,150 in operating funds, \$8,400 in Petty Cash, and \$710,178 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$5,339,687.

Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$780,535 compared to the budgeted \$718,977.

Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$1,472,076 compared to the budgeted \$1,354,609.

The Consolidated Net Decrease for the month prior to adjustments for depreciation is (\$46,001) compared to

the budgeted decrease of (\$268,697). Consolidated Net Income year to date prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$28,043 compared to the budgeted of (\$72,492). Year to date reserve funding is \$131,130 compared to a budget of \$126,150. The variance is reserve interest income.

C. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVAL TO COMMENCE FORECLOSURE ON ONE ACCOUNT

Resolution: To report the February 21, 2023 Executive Session approval to commence foreclosure for collection of outstanding assessments on the following property:

Parcel Number	Assessments Due	Total Amount Due
627-182-04	\$2,007.20	\$2,682.20

Delinquency Statistics for the Open Session Minutes:

- There is one (1) past owner delinquency with an assessment balance of \$485.40.
- One hundred forty-six (146) current owner past due delinquencies total \$102,602 in assessments and \$4,660 in assessment judgements.
- The collection attorney is currently working on five (5) past and current homeowner accounts to collect on judgments and/or past due assessment balances.
- Total accumulated outstanding assessments total 3.8% of the annual assessment budget.

D. CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO SWIM CENTER MEMBERSHIP FEES

Resolution: To approve the Swim Center Membership Fee Schedule effective April 1, 2023. The new fees for non-homeowner members increase \$5 to \$55 for single memberships and \$75 for family memberships.

End of Consent Calendar

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Motion: Fisk
Second: Holland

Resolution: To appoint the following Members of the Association and one Board Member to serve

MINUTES - CONTINUED

on the Nominating Committee for the 2023 election:

- John Park (Board Member)
- Samuel Nielson
- Carol Hurley
- Eric Pezold
- Tom Farr

The motion carried unanimously.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JUNE 2023 BALLOT MEASURE FOR MEMBERSHIP VOTE TO CONTINUE / DISCONTINUE 24-HOUR MOBILE PATROL SERVICES

Direction: Management was directed as follows:

1. Negotiate a three-month extension through June 30th with Allied Security to have the contract term coincide with the membership vote on continuing or discontinuing the services.
2. Bid out security services at 8-hour, 16-hour and 24-hour options and coordinate a meeting with the Security Committee to evaluate the options.
3. Submit a draft Special Ballot Measure to the Board for approval next meeting.

C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF REMAINING 2022 - 2023 EVENT CALENDAR AND BUDGETS

Motion: Fisk
Second: Park

Resolution: To approve the calendar of events for the remaining 2022-23 fiscal year along with the concert schedule, bands and associated budgets.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. REVIEW OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

Direction: The list of potential projects was reviewed. Management was directed to continue adding projects for future consideration.

E. MOULTON PARK PLAYGROUND PATH

Direction: Management was directed to obtain a

proposal to re-align the access path to Moulton Park Playground to improve access.

F. CONSIDERATION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW PROCESS SURVEY

Motion: Fisk
Second: Holland

Direction: The Board directed some additional survey questions be implemented to the draft. Management to distribute the Architectural Review Process survey to homeowners who have submitted the past three months.

The motion carried unanimously.

G. MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Discussion: The Board reviewed with Management the ideal check-in process and steps being taken to improve the efficiency of check-in. Also discussed was the membership card issuance process and whether or not there was value to having photos on the cards. Also discussed was the App which is able to take the place of membership cards when properly set-up.

VIII. REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed by the Board: Architectural Review, Community Events, Communications Report, EPC, Equestrian Center Managers Report, Solar, Sunset Landscape Report, Tennis / Pickleball Center, Trails & Common Area.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and filed.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next Open Session Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

THE BENEFITS OF A HOME ALARM SYSTEM

A home alarm system is a security system designed to protect homes and properties from intruders and unauthorized entry. The system is composed of sensors, alarms, and a central monitoring station that is alerted when an alarm is triggered. While some homeowners may consider a home alarm system as an unnecessary expense, the benefits of having one cannot be overstated. In this article, we will discuss the benefits of home alarm systems and how they can prevent crime.

1) Deters Burglars

One of the most significant benefits of a home alarm system is that it deters burglars. According to a study conducted by the University of North Carolina, burglars are more likely to target homes that do not have an alarm system. The presence of a home alarm system sends a clear message to potential intruders that your home is not an easy target, and they are more likely to move on to another home that is not protected.

2) Alerts Authorities Quickly

In the event that an alarm is triggered, the central monitoring station is alerted immediately. The monitoring station can then contact the authorities, such as the police or fire department, to respond quickly to the situation. This can help prevent further damage to your property and prevent harm to you and your family.

3) Provides Peace of Mind

Knowing that your home is protected by an alarm system can give you peace of mind, especially when you are away from home. You can be confident that your home is being monitored, and you will be alerted if anything out of the ordinary happens. This can help reduce your stress levels and allow you to focus on other things, such as work or spending time with your family.

4) Lowers Homeowner's Insurance Premiums

Many insurance companies offer discounts on homeowner's insurance premiums for homes with alarm systems. The reason for this is that homes with alarm systems are less likely to be burglarized or vandalized, which reduces the risk to the insurance company. This can result in significant savings on your homeowner's insurance premiums.

5) Provides Evidence for Investigations

In the unfortunate event that a crime does occur on your property, the alarm system can provide valuable evidence for investigations. The system can record footage of the crime and the intruder, which can be used by the authorities to identify and prosecute the perpetrator. This can help bring closure to the incident and provide a sense of justice for you and your family.

In conclusion, a home alarm system provides numerous benefits that can help prevent crime and protect your home and family. The system deters burglars, alerts authorities quickly, provides peace of mind, lowers homeowner's insurance premiums, and provides evidence for investigations. While the initial cost of installing a home alarm system may seem high, the benefits it provides make it a worthwhile investment in your home's security.



Nellie Gail Garden Group

By Tina Corso

The Nellie Gail Garden Group resumed its meetings and events to restart the group after the pandemic. Even though it was nasty weather we couldn't help ourselves and wanted to get an early start on our group. We met at the home of Tina Corso to discuss a simple method of using worms to recycle our waste vegetables and fruit scraps, along with toilet and paper towel rolls, we learned we could use clean cardboard, coffee grinds, tea bags, eggs shells and much to our surprise even wine corks!

We had a demonstration on how to use an almost filled compost bin and make it into a herb garden while we can use a secondary bin to house more worms and make fertilizer for our fruit trees and vegetable gardens using our scraps that we collect. The nutrients from the worm castings supplies the much needed growth for the plants, while the lid keeps out

insects and small rodents. The holes in the containers supply the oxygen for the worms and they will eat all the items we supply to the bin. The more worms you have the faster they will compost and you can then use the castings for fertilizer. This is a very simple way to reuse your scraps. The Red Wiggler worms do not eat live plants, only decaying items as mentioned. So it's very easy to grow onions, garlic, basil, and lettuce in these bins. You can keep them right outside your kitchen door and use when needed. You can find some great information provided in this link. <https://compost.css.cornell.edu/worms/basics.html> and <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3725894/>

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The following properties submitted plans for review by the **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ON MARCH 14, 2023**

The Submittal Deadline for the **May** ARC Meeting is: **April 25, 2023.**

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25191 Buckskin	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27711 Deputy	Addition to House	Denied
26861 Highwood	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27755 Hidden Trail	Gates	Approved
25451 Gallup	Tree Removals	Approved with Conditions
24891 Nellie Gail	Resubmittal Ground Solar	Approved with Conditions
26522 Wildview	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27482 Lost Trail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25871 Nellie Gail	Addition to House	Approved with Conditions
25871 Nellie Gail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
26051 Red Corral	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25842 Prairiestone	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27551 Boothill	Storage Structure	Denied
25421 Coach Spring	Resubmittal Roof, Painting	Approved with Conditions
25473 Nellie Gail	Resubmittal wall, landscape, lighting	Denied
26001 Nellie Gail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
26492 Dapple Grey	Paint, doors, gates	Denied
27182 Westridge	Resubmittal backyard	Approved with Conditions
25582 Rangewood	Solar, tree removals	Denied
25221 Derbyhill	Rear yard renovation	Denied
25296 Gallup	Steps	Denied
25761 Dillon	Resubmittal balcony, landscp, hrdscp	Denied
25082 Anvil	Resubmittal – front hardscape	Approved

Any exterior change to your home or property requires approval. Please consult the Architectural Guidelines available at www.nelliegailranch.org. Submissions for approval are due by 5:00 PM ten business days prior to the meeting date. Please see the calendar at the back of the Pony Express or contact the Association Office at (949) 425-1477 for specific meeting dates and deadlines or with any questions pertaining to your proposed project.

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SPRINGTIME IS HERE

By Felipe Delgado, Founder & Managing Partner - Evolution Swim Academy

Hi Friends, spring is here, and summer is right around the corner. For many of our families, planning for summer is well underway. I know that planning is a big part of your life and this month's newsletter will let you know about all the wonderful seasonal programming we have available for you.

Let's start with the summer camps. The Summer Sports Camp is selling out fast and we want our Nellie Gail Ranch families to join in on the fun. **I am offering families from our community a 10% discount if you register in the month of April.** Enter the discount code "NGRFAMILY" when you register, and you will receive the discount on Summer Sports Camp. We also offer a ½ day summer camp in Rancho Mission Viejo for families that would prefer a ½ day camp option.

On April 10th, our 1-month Junior Guard Prep program also gets underway. This is a great way to get your child 'Junior Guard' ready and Evolution Swim Academy is a certified partner of both OCJG and OC Lifeguards. This partnership allows us to sign off on swimmers who achieve the swimming time standard that each program requires as a prerequisite for participation.

Our seasonal swim lessons start the weekend of April 15-16th. We are offering weekend swim lessons through the middle of August. We are also offering weekday swim

lesson blocks, where families register for 2-week swim lesson blocks, for a total of 8 swim lessons, Monday-Thursday of each week. These lessons start the week of June 5th. For more information about our seasonal swim lessons, please visit our website.

Spring and summer also usher in our seasonal swim team offerings, where swimmers with a working knowledge of the freestyle and backstroke may participate. This is a great opportunity for our swimmers to participate on a swim team, whether spring or summer or both, and do so in 8-week sessions. I like to think that this is a great way for families to test the waters of competitive swimming without the year-round commitment. The spring swim team gets underway on April 10th.

We also offer indoor swim lessons at our Mission Viejo and Rancho Mission Viejo locations. For families not wanting to swim outdoors, these locations offer more scheduling opportunities. I am proud that we can serve our community with our youth programming and that our children can learn here in their backyard.

Have a great spring and I look forward to being in touch soon.



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PROGRAMS:

✓ JUNIOR GUARD PREP PROGRAM:

April 10th - May 4th, 2023
Registration opens: Ongoing

✓ SPRING SWIM TEAM:

June 1st, 2023
Registration opens: Ongoing

✓ SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

June 5th, 2023
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EQUESTRIAN CENTER NEWS

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HORSE SHOW

By Nikki Garcia

A day in the life of a horse show begins by waking up around 4:30 am and arriving early at the show grounds. The first thing you must do is to ensure that your horse or horses have been fed and given water. As a rider, you need to find out the course you will be required to memorize, so you should locate your arena and learn the course and jump off. You also need to determine how many people are in your class, the schedule for your class, and how much time you have until you need to be ready to show. After that, it's time to prepare your horse for practice before your class. Sometimes this involves lunging them to let them play and get out some energy, and then riding them, or you may have to do only one, depending on how your horse is behaving that day. They aren't machines, so you always have to be prepared for the circumstances you are given that day.

Once you have ridden, lunged, or both, it's time to give your horse a bath and get them ready for the show. You also need to clean and organize your equipment and ensure that it's clean and ready for the show. After your horse is clean, and all your equipment is in order, you need to check the schedule and get ready to show. Approximately 30 minutes before you need to enter the arena, you need to get yourself dressed in your show clothes, get your horse ready, and head to the warm-up arena, where you have your last chance to practice before entering the show ring. Then it's show time, and all the blood, sweat, and tears are put to the test. You will step into that arena and give it all you have.

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Congratulations to **Lane Clarke & Venom** for winning the 1.40 Speed Challenge class.

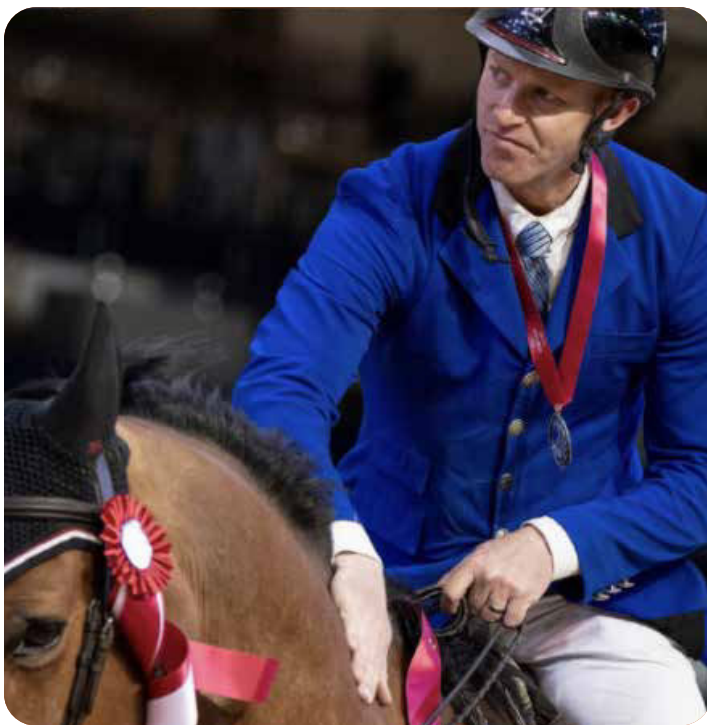


CENTER UPDATE

We are excited to introduce our newly refurbished Horsemanship training area



Lane Clarke & Hoover phonic Odeveld placed second in the 1.35m Challenge.



TENNIS NEWS

We had a blast last month when we acted as Georgetown University's Home for a pre season meet against Butler University.

Both the Men's and Women's Teams from Georgetown prepared for the meet on the Monday with the main event between the Men's Georgetown and Butler Teams taking place on the Wednesday. This D1 College meet did not disappoint. The level and atmosphere was electric with Georgetown sweeping the victory 7-0. **Our long time member Sahil Morey has committed to play for Georgetown from the Fall and we wish him continued success.**

The Watering Hole provided an excellent spread of lunch options for the Athletes who were full of compliments about the much needed quality refreshments. A big thank you to Director of Tennis & Pickleball Rogan, Coach Freddie (Head Coach of Men's & Women's Tennis Georgetown) and The Watering Hole for putting the Event together.





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Upcoming Events

Two big events on the calendar for April. The first is our "Spring Fling Mixer" on Sunday, April 16th. Play begins at 9 am and runs until noon. This will be a "fun" round robin format - a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow members and play matches with folks you don't normally have a chance to play with. Cost is \$25 per person. Space is limited. Sign up by texting our head pro, Vinnie Brascia, at 949.923.9409.

The other big event is the PPA Tour is coming to Newport Beach. Head up to The Tennis and Pickleball Club at Newport Beach the weekend of April 21st to watch the top players in the world compete. Our very own, Mary and Maggie Brascia will be competing all weekend long in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. For more information, go to www.ppatour.com





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For more information about the facilities, go to our website at nelliegailranch.org.

CLUB HOURS:	MON-FRI	SAT-SUN
Tennis Courts	6am - 10pm	6am - Dusk
Swimming Pool	6am - 10pm	6am - Dusk
Pickleball Courts	9am - 8pm	9am - Dusk

Nellie Gail Ranch Membership	HOMEOWNER Monthly Fees	NON-OWNER Monthly Fees
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Pickleball Member Guest Fee*	\$10	\$10

* Member must be present with Guest.

NOTE: Tennis Club Membership includes use of Pickleball Courts.

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MONDAY - THURSDAY

Week 1 - June 5th

Week 2 - June 12th

Week 3 - June 19th

Week 4 - June 26th

Week 5 - July 3rd (3rd, 6th, 7th 8th)

Week 6 - July 10th

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

PROVIDING AID AND THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

Written by Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng

Questions of liability and fear of being sued frequently arise when volunteering or providing aid during emergencies or disasters. What liabilities exist in providing aid? Might I get sued if someone gets worse? What happens if I decide not to provide aid? How does my level of training (or lack of training) play into my liability? These are all legitimate questions that will be answered here, but first some background information.



The Good Samaritan Law of California, established in 1980, provides that "no person who in good faith, and not for compensation, renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency shall be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission." The purpose of this law was to protect those who voluntarily provide aid or assistance during an emergency, regardless of level of training, as long as one acted in a reasonable manner. This statute was tested by the legal case of Alexandra Van Horn v. Lisa Torti.

On November 1, 2004, Alexandra Van Horn and Lisa Torti (both close friends) left a bar at 1:30 AM in separate cars. Van Horn was driving her vehicle at 45 MPH when she lost control and crashed into a light pole. Torti, following behind in the second car,

witnessed the accident, stopped, and proceeded to render aid to her friend. According to court testimony Van Horn's injuries were worsened by Torti yanking her "like a rag doll" from the wrecked car, rendering Van Horn a paraplegic. Torti testified that she saw smoke, feared the car was "going to blow up" and quickly removed her friend from the dangerous situation. The smoke was later determined to be either from the airbag or radiator as no fire or explosion ensued. Torti was found liable for the injuries to her friend, and furthermore, Torti was not protected by California's Good Samaritan laws.



The California Supreme Court agreed with the appellate court's ruling against Torti, that immunizing rescuers from liability applied only to individuals providing emergency medical care, citing the placement of the Good Samaritan statute in the section of the Health and Safety Code dealing with emergency medical services. It was determined that Torti's actions of removing Van Horn did not constitute "emergency medical care." At the time, this ruling significantly affected the willingness of volunteers to render aid to any victims during an emergency. How was a layperson to determine if a victim required medical or nonmedical aid? Was removing a person from a dangerous situation a

medical aid or a nonmedical aid? Because of this ruling, many started to second-guess their role as a rescuer, and many volunteer rescuers were without liability protection. The repercussions of this ruling could have had dramatic and long-lasting effects.

Recognizing the significance of such a ruling and how it would detrimentally affect volunteering or assisting in emergencies, the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 83 which has amended the Good Samaritan statute so that "no person who in good faith, and not for compensation, renders emergency medical or nonmedical care or assistance at the scene of an emergency shall be liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission other than an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct." Additionally, to emphasize the importance of this new provision, the Legislature added that the legislative intent is "to encourage other individuals to volunteer and to assist others in need during an emergency, while ensuring those who provide care or assistance act responsibly." It should be noted that you are only encouraged to act; there is no requirement to provide aid as California, unlike other states, does not have a "duty to act" statute.

So, am I covered under the Good Samaritan Law? Yes. If you should come upon an accident or emergency, you should feel free to provide aid (medical or non-medical) without fear of liability. You are covered if you:

- act in a reasonable manner and provide "due care,"
- voluntarily provide the aid without compensation or reward,
- do not have a current compensated relationship with the victim (doctor-patient, babysitter-child, etc.),
- are not in a medical facility.

What happens if my care or aid isn't perfect? The

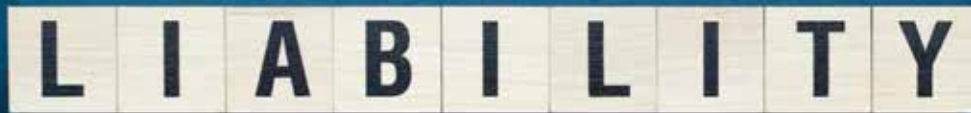
aid you provide is not expected to be "perfect." The circumstances often cause adrenaline to be elevated, thus elevating stress and anxiety. These situations may cause your CPR technique to be non-ideal, you may forget to give two breaths, bandage incorrectly or any number of other potential issues. These mistakes or omissions, if they are reasonable for the circumstances, are completely forgivable and not considered liable actions. On the other hand, if you are "grossly negligent" in your actions, such as if you have never been trained in CPR and you proceed to use the heel of your foot to do chest compressions, this would fall outside of the realm of "reasonable" and thus you could be held liable.



What if I don't want to do anything? Because California does not have a "duty to act" or "duty to rescue" statute, one cannot be held liable for not assisting. You may want to ask yourself, however, if you were the victim needing assistance, would you want others around you to NOT act?

I have been trained to do "X", but I did not do it. Am I liable if the victim is now worse? Again, volunteer rescuers in a Good Samaritan situation are not compelled or mandated to perform any actions, even if you are highly trained in those actions. You would not be held liable in this situation.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



LIABILITY

I have no formal medical or rescue training. Does this make me more liable? No. Should you decide, in an emergency, to aid or assist a victim, as long as you provide care in a reasonable manner, then your risk of liability is zero. One way to view this is to ask, "How would someone else with the same level of training act in a similar situation?" If your actions are similar, then you need not worry about liability.

I work as a health and safety officer at my company's plant and one day while at work, one of the workers started to choke. Would I be covered by the Good Samaritan Law if I assisted? Your position is such that you are expected to provide aid or assistance in these situations. If this is the case, you would not be covered by the Good Samaritan law (but covered by your employer's liability insurance.) In this circumstance, you would want to follow the protocols established by your employer and assist to your level of training.

In summary, the Good Samaritan law, and its recent revision, is designed to protect volunteers who elect to provide emergency aid to others, regardless of whether it is medical aid or nonmedical aid. One does not need to fear liability or repercussions of legal action from helping in an emergency. As always, you should act in a reasonable manner and within

your scope of training, but you should not hesitate to help even if you are not trained. Do not fear getting involved, because the life saved might be your own.

About the Author:

Dr. Kenneth Cheng is a 25-year resident of Nellie Gail Ranch, and a 10-year member of the Nellie Gail's Emergency Preparedness Committee. He is a disaster preparedness instructor with the Orange County Sheriff's Department where he serves as a reserve deputy and SWAT tactical physician.

THIS MONTH!

The Emergency Preparedness Committee will be conducting Block Captain training this month. This invite is to all Block Captains, as well all Nellie Gail residents who are interested in the EPC and/or interested in being a Block Captain.

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St. Patrick's Day

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TEAM DARKHORSE

GETTING TO KNOW OUR DARKHORSE MARINES

By Karen Robbins

One of the rewards of being part of Team Darkhorse has been getting to meet the people who volunteer to serve our country, and so we thought our community would enjoy "knowing" them too. Accordingly, we invited one of the young Infantry officers to do a Q&A with us to share in Pony Express. His is an interesting story.

MEET LT. HILL WYROUGH



Q1: Can you share your hometown, education and prior work experience before joining the Marines?

I was born in New York City, New York and grew up in and out of the New York City area. After graduating

high school from The Horace Mann School in Riverdale, New York, I attended Princeton University. I graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and went to work for Barclays in New York City within its investment bank. I left the finance world after about a year and went to work for Google as a software engineer.

Q2: What was your motivation or reason for your decision to serve ?

I joined later in life than most do, but serving in the military was always a goal of mine. I have a long family history of service, as recent as my father, grandfather, and cousins. The opportunity and path of service was on my radar from a young age. Out of college, I pursued other opportunities, and I am grateful for those experiences. Ultimately, I joined because I wanted to return something to my country and honor the traditions of volunteer service in the United States. I left NYC and committed to attending Officer Candidate School in late 2019.

Q3: Why did you select US Marines rather than Navy, Air Force, or Army?

I selected the USMC because I wanted to pursue the toughest challenge and be held to the highest standard. Additionally, the pipeline for officer training is more intense and comprehensive than the other services. Regardless of what MOS, assignment, location, I knew that the Marine Corps promised more than the other services.

PART 2 - PROFESSIONAL TRACK

Q1: What was your first MOS (Military Occupation Specialty), and unit to which you were assigned? What training were you required to complete before you began your first assignment? If you are part of a unit, how large is that unit?

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For infantry officers like me, Infantry Officer Course (IOC) is a three-month follow-on course in Quantico, Virginia where we continue our development in preparation for being a rifle platoon commander in an infantry battalion in the Fleet Marine Force.

Following IOC, I received orders to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division in Camp Pendleton, California. I checked in to the Darkhorse in January 2021. The unit is about one thousand Marines and Sailors at full strength.

Q2: What are you (or your unit) currently tasked to do? (If you are tasked with a specific assignment, can you explain how that assignment fits into a larger goal/objective of the Battalion?)

I am the Executive Officer (XO) of Weapons Company. As XO, I am responsible for the daily operations, training, equipment, and maintenance for a company of 160 Marines and Sailors. From January to December 2021, I served as a rifle platoon commander in India Company, leading 40 Marine infantry men and women. During that time, I deployed with the battalion to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

The mission of the infantry is "locating, closing with, and destroying the enemy with fire and maneuver and repelling the enemy's assault with fire and close combat." In some way, shape, or form, everything we do is oriented around that mission.

Q3: What type of metrics/assessments, if any, are used to track progress of your own individual or your units 'toward the goal?

The Marine Corps publishes detailed training and readiness standards at every echelon: for the individual, team, squad, platoon, company, and battalion. The standards span a spectrum of physical readiness and proficiency across your MOS.

As we work towards our upcoming deployment, the leaders in the battalion focus on planning and structuring training so that Marines can progress from the basic to the more complex. We strive to evaluate every event – hiking with load, conducting battalion offensive operations – against those standards so we can be sure that we are ready to move and ready to fight.

PART 3 - PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

Q1: Is your experience thus far as a United States Marine what you envisioned/anticipated? How so? If not, how so?

Absolutely, and then some. Though the challenge is not to be understated, through my experience, I have grown as a person, leader, and Marine. It has been a privilege to serve alongside such a diverse and dedicated group of individuals.

My wife will tell you I underestimated the demands on personal and family life, so it has been essential to have a supportive family.

Q2: What would you want civilians to know about life in the Corps? How is life in service most differentiated from civilian life (from your perspective).

You are a Marine 24/7. Marines are dedicated to the Marines in their charge and that does not stop and start with the traditional workday. The responsibility of being the United States' force in readiness demands a greater degree of dedication to your unit and to your craft.

Q2: In your opinion, based upon your perspective of how civilians perceive the Marines, what do you think might be most surprising, and most unsurprising to a civilian about life in the Corps?

Two things come to mind.

First, I think the reputation of Marines are that we are a ragtag group who joined as a last resort or because we didn't have any other options left. That may be true for some, because the Marine Corps and military service is a great vehicle for service and self-improvement. However, by and large, Marines come from all walks of life and join for a wide variety of positive reasons.

Second, a lot of days are very similar to a normal job: we work in an office, we spend a lot of time working on our computers, and we enjoy weekends in southern California. Other times, our priority is training, and we commit to the mission wholeheartedly. For example, right now, we are executing a service-level training exercise that will last nearly 60 days.

Q3: Do you intend to make a full career in the Marine Corps? If undecided, or if no, what type of work in the civilian world might pique your interest and how would your experience as a Marine enhance or provide skills needed in that role?

In my short professional experience, I have found

that planning more than a couple years out never seems to stick. I don't think I will make a full 20-year career in the Marine Corps, but I'm not sure I'm ready to depart quite yet. One day, I would like to return to the technology sector and continue as a professional software engineer. I don't do much of that in the Marine Corps, but it's like riding a bike. Right now, I'm looking forward to a full 2023 with the Darkhorse.

Lt Wyrrough, along with a number of other **Darkhorse Marines**, will be present on **Memorial Day at our city's Half Marathon, 5 and 10K**. They will be voluntarily running the race, manning a Static Display at the EXPO finish line, or volunteering along the race course. We have been told that the Marines love the community interaction, and in spite of a demanding training schedule just before, and an upcoming deployment, it is heartwarming to know they choose to spend that day with us. Please come out to run, or bring your families to meet these wonderful young people



TEAM DARKHORSE -

3D Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Division Support Committee is the (all volunteer) IRS 501 (c) 3 non profit org formed in 2010, following the Laguna Hills City Council formal vote to adopt this Camp Pendleton Infantry Unit. For more information, to volunteer, or make a donation please contact President, Vanessa Kon at vanessakon@cox.net.

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Rock 'n' Ride

Dressage Show & Schooling Event



Saturday, May 13th, 2023

Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center

9:00am - 12:30pm

*Hosted by Nellie Gail Ranch Dressage Instructor
Cassie Cherry Nolte of Cherry EquiSports Dressage*

Gorgeous ribbons and prizes for every rider! We have classes for everyone - including Equitation, Prix Caprilli Jumping, Eventing Dressage, Western Dressage, Walk / Trot, and Leadline - as well as all the standard USDF/ USEF/ FEI Dressage Tests. All riders are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

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*All entries are due and must
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Saturday, May 6th*

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Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from UCI. I have tutored all high school and community college. Math subjects, ACT and SAT Math. One on one tutoring to explain in detail for better understanding. (A lot of my students complain their teachers do not explain enough). I am a substitute Math teacher at private schools. For details please call 949-231-0977 or email to ecaiusa@yahoo.com.

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com My email is marshyvonne13@gmail.com Phone # is 949 637 8208.

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If you're looking for a dependable, caring, Laguna Hills pet sitter then you're reached the right person. My name is Diane and I've loved animals my whole life. I've been doing this for over 2 years sitting various breeds of dogs, cats of various ages and some guinea pigs too. Contact me at 949-463-8842 or at my email address gpriddle19541954@gmail.com for a meet-up in person or a call by phone.

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HAPPY HOUR MIXER FOR ILLUMINATION FOUNDATION

Thursday, August 4th, 5:30-7:30 We invite you to learn about Illumination Foundation and the different opportunities to get involved with this organization. Dear neighbors, please join me for a glass of wine and appetizers to learn about how a local non-profit, Illumination Foundation, is integrating housing and healthcare solutions in Southern California. Our hope is to bring together like-minded community members that are interested in supporting this mission to disrupt the cycle of homelessness. Stop by to learn more, get involved, or just enjoy a glass of wine with neighbors! Please RSVP to Anna at amurphyduehring@ifhomeless.org.

JOIN THE GLEAM TEAM,

A dynamic group of passionate and amazing individuals dedicated to supporting Illumination Foundation. The Gleam Team works with Illumination Foundation by volunteering and assisting with year-round events that make an immediate impact upon those we serve. We meet once a month in the evening between now and March. If you are interested in joining us please email Anna Murphy-Duehring (a Nellie Gail resident) at amurphyduehring@ifhomeless.org. We welcome all! For more information on Illumination Foundation please visit the website: ifhomeless.org.

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Open your heart and home to a French, Italian or Spanish exchange student this summer for just 3 weeks. Dear neighbors of Nellie Gail Ranch. We are looking for short-term Host Families from June 25th to July 16th and from July 17th till August the 7th. We have students from 13 to 17 years old, they are carefully screened and selected based on their motivation, maturity, and passion to learn about American culture, they come with their own pocket money for personal expenses and medical and liability insurance. By hosting a student, you will fulfill a young kid dream of coming to the USA and show the best of our culture with them. Stipend is available! Will this be the summer you host an exchange student? Contact me at alex@oui-connect.com 415-395-6160.

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**PRE BALLOT NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION AND SPECIAL BALLOT MEASURE
(NOTICE DATE MARCH 30, 2023)**

Annual Meeting Dates: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 & Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Location: Via Zoom Link

Time: 6:30 PM

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83003944531?pwd=NUVHVWxvOUNJWmtnd01mZ3hTR0podz09>

Meeting ID: 830 0394 4531

Passcode: 761773

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The Annual Meeting of the Members and Election of Board of Directors is set for **Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** via Zoom. In order to achieve quorum, at least fifty percent (50%) of the Homeowners (i.e. 704 out of 1407 members) must vote. Historically, less than 50% of the membership participates in the Annual Meeting, and the meeting must be adjourned to another date. The quorum at such adjourned meeting shall be lowered to twenty-five percent (25%) (i.e. 352 out of 1407 members). The Reconvened Election meeting date, if necessary, will be **Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm** at the same location.

This year two (2) seats are up for election. The two (2) nominated candidates that will appear on the ballot are:

Loree Blough

Holly Permeah

Also included on this years' ballot will be one (1) special ballot measure for a membership vote:

Special Ballot Measure:

Should Nellie Gail Ranch continue to contract for 24-hour mobile patrol services, revise to 8 hour mobile patrol services or discontinue mobile patrol services. (A Ballot Measure Statement will be provided with the ballot that describes the optional scope of proposed services and costs.)

The Board of Directors has contracted with an independent vendor, The Ballot Box, to serve as the Inspector of Election for the purpose of preparation, receipt, and tabulation of the ballots for this meeting. Each home is permitted one (1) ballot. Ballots will be mailed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting and election date. Returned ballots must be received in the envelopes provided by the inspector by mail, certified delivery such as UPS or Fed-Ex, or by hand delivery to: The Ballot Box, 3315 E. Russell Rd, Ste A-4, Las Vegas, NV 89195-5001. The deadline for the receipt of mailed ballots for the June 7th meeting is no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on June 5, 2023. The ballot mailing and the May 2023 issue of The Pony Express will have candidate bios and information.

Please review and verify the accuracy of the information we have on file for mailing you your ballot and the person(s) who will appear on the voter list who are qualified to cast the ballot. The Pony Express magazine mailing label and the April 2023 quarterly assessment statement has the information we reflect as current Members of Record (on title) for your property and your preferred mailing address. Only members of record may vote. Please review the names and mailing address on your assessment statement and if there is an additional person on title, trustee or person with power of attorney for your home, please provide us copy of the title or power of attorney and a request to revise the information prior to April 20, 2023. Likewise, if you have an alternative preferred address for the ballot to be mailed, please provide prior to April 20, 2023. You may e-mail to admin@nelliegailranch.org or send by mail to 25211 Empty Saddle Drive, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

If you would like a receipt for your returned ballot, you are encouraged to mail the ballot with tracking through the United States Post office, or other certified delivery service (UPS, Fed-Ex, DHL, etc.). You may also request a confirmation of receipt of your ballot via email to info@ballotboxservices.com. Members may verify the accuracy of their individual information on the voting list by contacting The Ballot Box via email info@ballotboxservices.com. Any request to update/change information on the voting list must be submitted in writing.

For any questions regarding the Annual Meeting and Election of Board Directors, please e-mail admin@nelliegailranch.org or call the Association office at (949) 425-1477. Individual notice of the above paragraphs shall be delivered pursuant to Section 4040 if individual notice is requested by a member.

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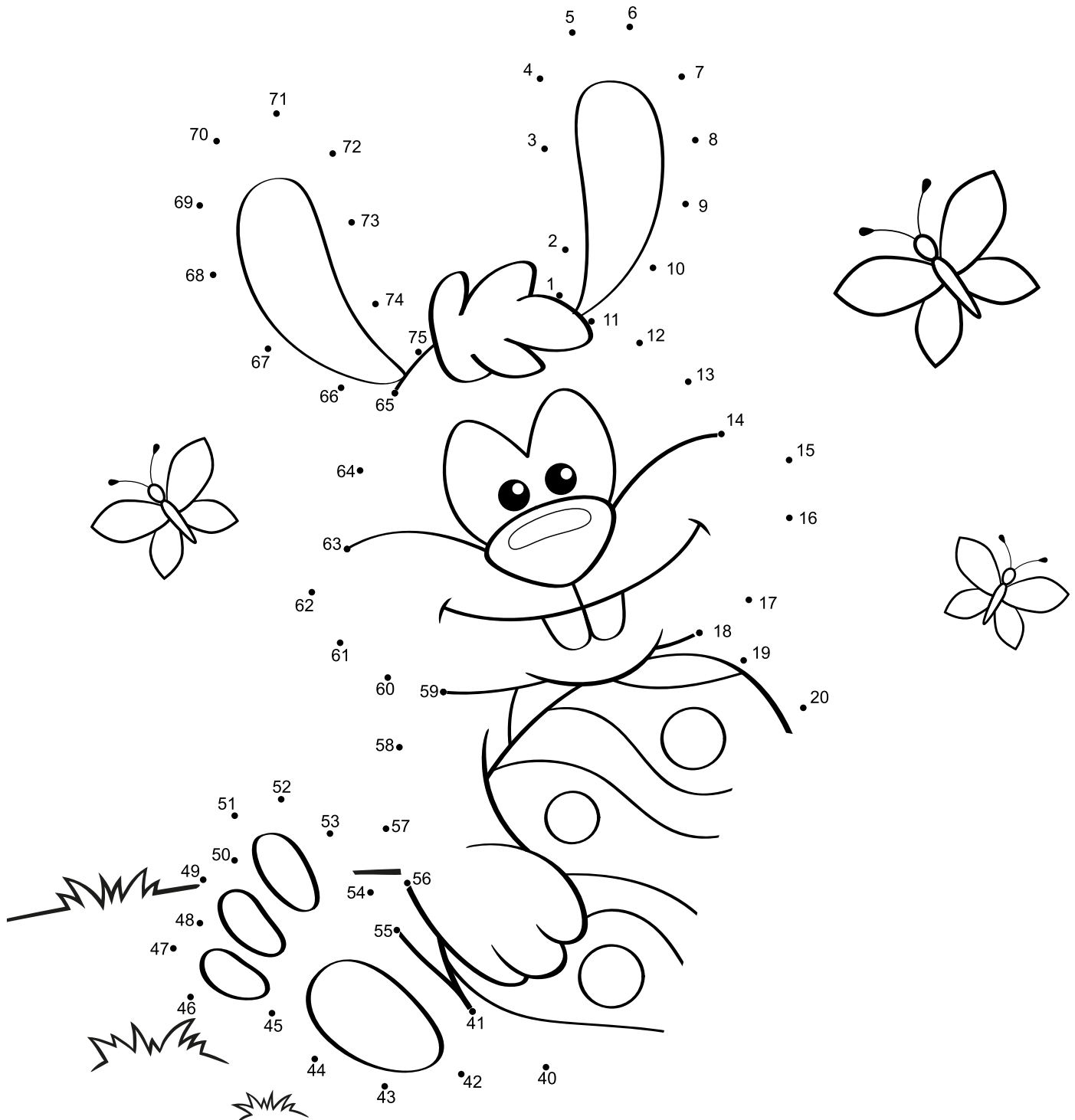
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DRAW THE EASTER BUNNY



RANCH RECIPE



APRIL CITRUS CHICKEN SHISH KABOBS

INGREDIENTS:

1. 1 ORANGE, JUICED
2. 1 LEMON, JUICED
3. 1 LIME, JUICED
4. 4 MINCED CLOVES GARLIC
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6. 1 TABLESPOON TARRAGON LEAVES
7. 1/4 CUP SOY SAUCE
8. 1/4 CUP CANOLA OIL
9. 1/2 TEASPOON SALT
10. 1/2 TEASPOON GROUND BLACK PEPPER
11. 1 POUND BONELESS, SKINLESS CHUCKEN BREASTS
CUT INTO CUBES

PREPARATION:

1. MIX CITRUS-CHICKEN INGREDIENTS (EXCLUDING CHICKEN) IN A BOWL, COAT THE CHICKEN IN THE MIXTURE, AND MARINATE IN THE FRIDGE FOR 2 HOURS.
2. CUT VEGETABLES INTO BITE-SIZE PIECES.
3. BLEND BALSAMIC BASTING VINAIGRETTE INGREDIENTS IN A BLENDER FOR 30 SECONDS.
4. PLACE CHICKEN AND VEGGIES IN SEPARATE BOWLS AND SKEWER THE KABOBS AND BASTE VEGGIES WITH BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE, THEN GRILL KABOBS FOR 10-15 MINUTES OVER DIRECT HEAT, ROTATING EVERY 2-3 MINUTES UNTIL COOKED.

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fools
2	3 EPC Block Captain Training @ 7pm	4	5	6	7	8 Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Gallup Park From 10am-12pm
9 Happy Easter  Sunday Brunch 11am-3pm @ The Watering Hole	10 Town Hall Meeting @ 6pm Neighborhood Watch Training @ 7pm	11 ARC Meeting @ 6:00pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Board Meeting 7:30pm @ Clubhouse	19	20 Wine & Design @ 6pm	21	22
23 30	24	25 ARC Submittal Deadline for May 9th Meeting	26	27	28	29

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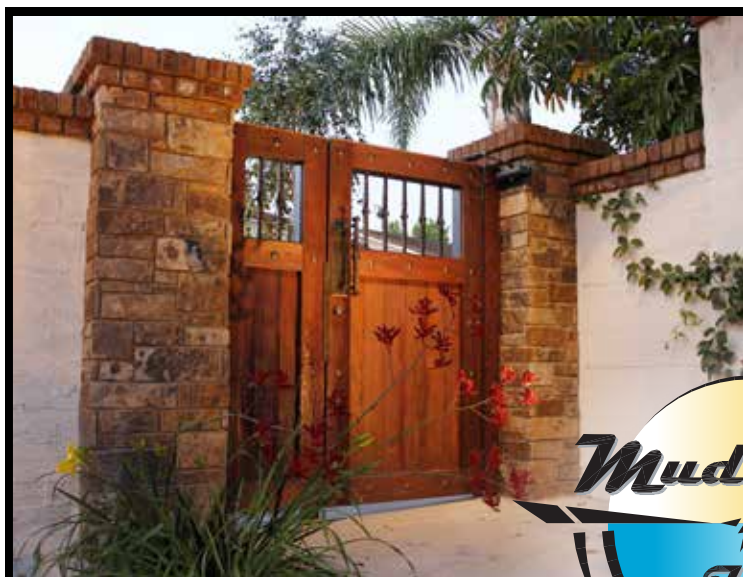
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